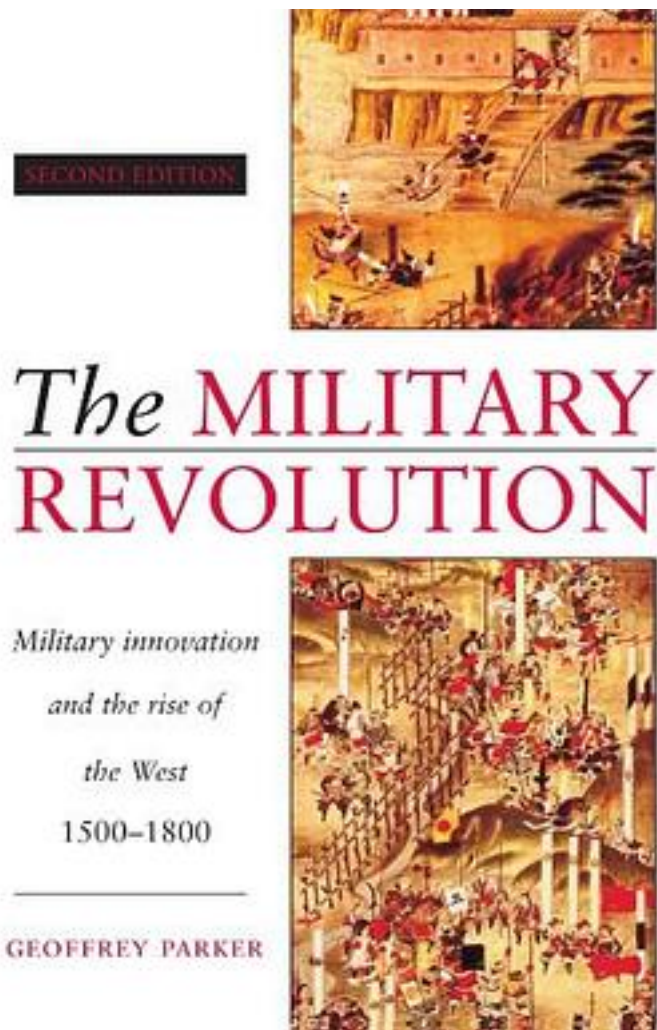


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This is a new edition of Geoffrey Parker's much-admired illustrated account of how the

West, so small and so deficient in natural resources in 1500, had by 1800 come to control over one-third of the world. Parker argues that the rapid development of military practice in the West constituted a 'military revolution' which gave Westerners an insurmountable advantage over the peoples of other continents. This edition incorporates new material, including a substantial 'Afterword' which summarises the debate which developed after the book's first publication.

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评论

全铜板印刷配图多。可看成蒂利“国家造战、战争立国”之详论，但更注重竞争—技术—组织—国家路径，将军事变革和国家建构比作如DNA双螺旋结构的缠绕，认为从16到18世纪支持欧洲抵抗穆斯林入侵并逐渐依靠少量资源转入大规模攻击和扩张，非尚无踪影工业革命之功，而是漫长时间中系列军事技术和组织变革的结果：陆上火器轻量化、精度提高和大量装备，步兵轻装化逐步取代骑兵，甲冑和城堡效能降低，海上火器上船，改进结构的舰队可驶往更远地方，海战从靠帮互砍转变为阵型、火力、射界和机动性比拼，均使战争优势从防守方逐渐转向进攻方，以城堡为中心的长期消耗围困战转为以部分据点和港口为依据的快速机动决战。如此则需要重构兵力来源，改进后勤以维持兵力长时间机动、补给和忠诚，装备标准化，平衡海陆军灵活性和组织权力集中，西方自此领先。

战争导致——军事升级导致——重塑国家

帕克于此书中提出的所谓攻守双方基于竞争的互相升级理论导致欧洲军事革命的诞生是很值得人思考的，至少理论上很难找到反例，这是研习军事史的必读书。

Very compelling theory, but I am working on a project to show that Asian military power also went through similar revolutions as that in the West

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